



**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS**  
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## Commons Ford Ranch House

614 Commons Ford Road

This property is located in the Southwest district. Common's Ford features a ranch-style house of approximately, 2,500 square feet with an attached 4 car portico (roof and 3 sides). In addition, there are 2 comfortable patios overlooking a swimming pool and large grass area bounded by a ranch-style fence off the back patios. The house sits near the banks of Lake Austin. Limits and restrictions noted in this document are particular to this specific facility and in addition to the general use policy.

**The Space(s):** Ranch House (2500 square feet), Courtyard Patio (810 square feet), Pool Patio (560 square feet). Rental of the house does NOT include use of the picnic area near the shore. Events must stay contained at the ranch house and wood fence area.

**Amenities: BUILDING:** The UNFURNISHED house features 3 raised wooden floor rooms, 1 bonus room (for changing, etc.), open style open raised hardwood floor area, 4 restrooms with showers, and a complete kitchen (restricted to heating/warming food – may NOT be used for cooking) (household sized refrigerator, dishwasher, 6 burner electric stove, 1 electric oven, 1 large former pantry area (additional double sink and counter space) and hot & cold **NON-POTABLE** water. The house is air conditioned. **EQUIPMENT:** There are approximately 25 rectangular shaped 6' long banquet tables, 10 5'-round tables and 200 chairs available for use. All table, chair and other amenity needs beyond what is available are the responsibility of the event organizer. The ranch house is not reservable when the picnic area is booked.

<b>PACKAGES AVAILABLE</b>				
(The time you request and book includes the total time allowed on site for: set up, take down, and clean up.)				
	Rental Fee	Damage Deposit (all rentals)	Maintenance Fee (all rentals)	Package Total
Austin resident, or Austin Energy utility customers	\$300 4 hour rental period	\$300	\$ 150	\$750
	\$600 8 hour rental period.	\$300	\$ 150	\$1050
	\$800 All day rental.	\$300	\$ 150	\$1250
Non-resident fees, or for commercial activities/events	\$400 4 hour rental period	\$300	\$ 150	\$850
	\$800 8 hour rental period.	\$300	\$ 150	\$1250
	\$1200 All day rental.	\$300	\$ 150	\$1650
For those who need extra time on site, additional hours may be purchased on <b>4 or 8 hour rental packages</b> at <b>\$75/hour</b> with a 2 hour maximum. Additional hours may NOT be purchased to extend rental time beyond approved site hours and curfew.				

**Capacity Restrictions:** House - 50 persons, House and Patios - 150 persons.



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**Hours** available for reservation: **10 am - 10 pm** (including set up, take down and user clean up of site)

**Amplified Sound is allowed at this property with a permit.** Special Sound Restrictions: Sound permits are **restricted until 9 p.m ONLY**. All amplified sound (bands, DJ's, etc.) may not setup inside of the house.

**Notice:** Based upon the rental period booked, the sound permit will be restricted to no less than 1 hour prior to the rental period. *For example*, for 10a – 5pm period, the sound permit will be restricted to 4 pm.

**Permits:** Commercial or Advertising Purposes **(\$30)**, Private Party **(\$20)**, Public Interest, Political or Non-Profit **(\$10)**

PERMITS are required in advance and must be requested at the time of payment. Issued permits are restricted to 85 decibels or lower. We encourage courtesy and respect for adjacent neighborhoods at all times in addition to complying with the LEGAL decibel level limit.

### Restrictions and Prohibited Items:

- Nails, tacks, and staples/staple guns may not be used on any surface.
- To affix decorative or other items, you should **ONLY** use items such a velcro, zip ties, or high quality non-marring (marking) tape.
- Duct, masking, packaging, and scotch style tapes are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- Glass and Styrofoam are prohibited.
- Pets are **NOT** allowed on property.
- Recreation activities may not involve food (ex. relay games).
- Smoking is **PROHIBITED** by City Ordinance in all **buildings and parks**.
- Swimming at this facility is "at your own risk"
- **Wish Lanterns are NOT allowed** as they pose severe fire risk.
- **Miniature Trains, Petting Zoos, Carnival Rides, Water/splash slides** are **NOT** permitted at any time.

**Alcoholic Beverages:** Alcohol is allowed on site. Beer kegs, margarita machines and the like may **ONLY** be placed outside on the patio or grounds.

Where alcohol is sold, or served as part of a fee, ticket, or donation for admission, a Temporary Permit is required from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, and liquor liability insurance naming the City of Austin as additional insured is required. See our policies for additional information. **Permit fee:** \$30 PARD processing fee.

### Clean Up Requirements:



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**The renter is responsible for all set up and clean up duties on site, and for returning the property to the way it was found BEFORE THE END OF THE RESERVATION PERIOD.**

1. Pick up litter from property (don't forget parking areas and bathrooms), bag, and place it in appropriate areas/trash containers. If they have lids, close them.
2. Remove all decorations and personal items brought on site (this includes TAPE and all WAX!) – and take them home. Do NOT leave displays or large props/items on the site.
3. If necessary, sweep and mop. If there are wood floors, DO NOT MOP THEM - sweep and/or DRY mop floors to remove sand and debris.
4. Break down and return any chairs and tables to their original location in a orderly fashion.
5. Wipe surfaces, and wipe and clean any kitchen appliances.
6. Empty the refrigerator completely, and wipe it out. Cleaning equipment is available on site.
7. Common sense cleaning practices are the best way to a full refund of your damage deposit!

**Allow plenty of time to thoroughly clean up after your event, which must be completed before the end of your reservation time/period.**

**Restrooms:** 4 residential-style individual indoor restrooms each with a toilet, sink and shower are available.

**Electricity Available:** Household style electrical outlets are available on site and in limited capacity on the patios. Appropriate gauge cords should be used according to the device/appliance/item manufacturer guidelines used on site.

**Water Available:** Yes, NON-POTABLE (non-drinkable/consumeable water). The pool water is chlorinated but not suitable for drinking.

**Parking:** Parking is available along the entry road to the house. Users are encouraged to have their guests carpool. All parking is on a first-come first served basis. **Parking Fee:** There IS NOT a fee for parking.

**Accessibility:** Ranch House front entrance is ADA accessible to the restroom by temporary ramps. The remainder of the building and restrooms are not ADA accessible due to the split level nature of the original house construction.

**Driving Directions:** Take FM 2244 west through Bee Caves, and to and through Loop 360. Travel approximately 3.4 miles past Loop 360. Turn right at the light onto Cuernavaca Drive. Travel 1/2 mile, and turn left onto Commons Ford Road. Travel 1.5 miles to the park entrance on your left.

**[Reservation Information, and Policies and Procedures Are Available Online.](#)**